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In regard to RM-10786 originated by a filling of No Code International. As a member I ask that my comments be accepted and considered in the process.

Acknowledging the fact the ITU has removed the requirement for CW proficiency. I ask that our government follow the lead of several other countries and drop the CW requirement immediately. And that this be for all classes of licensee's. I further ask that no band restrictions be attached to our request other than the ones in place now. Any needed changes can be implemented after a period of 6 months to a year. This will allow the members of the Amateur community time to accept these changes. The needed changes that become apparent would be more solidly identified and easily implemented.

I base my request on the reasons outlined below.

1. The Armed Forces of most if not all countries have dropped CW as a mode for communications. They have replaced it with newer technology.
2. CW is just a mode of communications and should not hold precedence over any other mode.
3. Maritime operators of the world have dropped the use of CW when communicating with their ships at sea.
4. Many good operators are bared from the HF spectrum based on the CW requirements. I reason this also stifles the growth of the service. It further stifles the creative process that leads to many new inventions.
5. With the current War on Terror we need the capabilities to assist authorities across the board. Dropping the CW requirement would extend this ability to all Amateur Operators.
6. The national VEC organization has ask that it be dropped on the basis of it being a hardship on them to continue CW testing.
7. The ITU has dropped the requirement world wide.

Please accept my comment on RM-10786. As an Amateur Operator I am in favor of the dropping of CW for access to the HF bands.

Thanks in advance.

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